TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIRD COUNCIL.

SECOND SESSION OF 1105.

Monday, the 11th August 1930/27th Karkatakam 1105.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

The Council reassembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven-thirty of the Clock with the President in the Chair.

All the members were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Grant to the Holy Angels' Convent English High School, Trivandrum.

96. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of annual grant paid to the Holy Angels' Convent English High School at Trivandrum before the present Director of Public Instruction took charge;

(*b*) whether he has curtailed the grant of this school;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, his reasons for having done so; and

(*d*) the amount curtailed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The following statement contains information about the grants awarded from 1096 to 1102:—

Malabar year.	*Amount of grant.* B. Rs.
1096	2,500
1097	3,000
1098	3,600
1099	4,200
1100	5,000
1101	5,000
1102	5,000

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) Grants to English Schools are not fixed grants, but vary from year to year, being awarded on consideration of the merits of the particular institution as tested by the conditions prescribed in the *Code*, the educational requirements of the locality and the public funds allotted for the purpose. They are also based on the financial condition of the school and the net cost to the management calculated

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[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

in accordance with the standard scales of income and expenditure. A grant of Rs. 5,000 was awarded in 1105, and Rs. 4,000 in each of the years 1104 and 1105, in accordance with the above principles.

Inspection by the Director of Public Instruction of the Quilon Convent English High School in 1105.

97. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction inspected the Convent English High School at Quilon in 1105;

(*b*) whether he has expressed any opinion, orally or in writing, in the inspection book of that school regarding the vow of poverty of the Sisters that are conducting the school;

(*c*) whether he made any reference to this opinion in the Teachers' Conference held at Quilon in 1929; and

(*d*) whether he has remarked that this Convent School does not deserve the usual grant-in-aid since the Sister-teachers have taken a vow of poverty?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes; the Ag. Director of Public Instruction.

(*b*) Yes, he has referred to the matter in his notes of visit.

(*c*) There is no record to show that a Teachers' Conference at which the Director of Public Instruction was present was held at Quilon in 1929.

(*d*) No.

Selection of Text-Books for the school year 1105-1106.

98. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names of Text-Book Committee members, Government Officers, editors and publishers whose books are selected for this school year (1105-1106)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the Education Sheets of the *Government Gazette*, dated the 6th May 1930 and the 20th May 1930, in which the lists of prescribed books were published. The names of members of Text-Book Committees are published in the *Quarterly Civil List*.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state the names of the Text-Book Committee members and Government Officers whose books were selected for this school year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I could not hear the member fully.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state the names of the Text-Book Committee members and Government Officers whose books were selected for this school year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice, as it does not arise as a supplementary question.

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